

Adult Council has been instrumental in advancing the achievements of Latino students across the county by providing scholarships to over 175 students. The Young Adult Council works to provide the same support to its student members enrolled in universities and higher learning institutions throughout the state of California. Similarly, San Benito County LULAC's Young Readers Program works to promote reading comprehension skills within the Latino community. San Benito County LULAC's dedication to promoting educational success and opportunity helps make the American dream accessible to all.

In addition to its educational initiatives, San Benito County LULAC also works to encourage civic engagement among the Latino community in the county. One example is their voter registration drive, which drives greater participation in local races and local politics. Encouraging political engagement also helps defend Latino voting rights. San Benito County LULAC provides the Latino community of San Benito County with a valuable platform to discuss their needs and concerns.

For three decades, San Benito County LULAC has stood as a beacon for a large portion of the Latino community in my district. The organization's 30 years of work have been indispensable in making the American dream a reality for many people in my district. I would like to commend them for setting an example of community service in our district for 30 years. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating the San Benito County League of United Latin American Citizens for 30 years of excellence and service.

REMEMBERING LILLY CHACE

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Elizabeth "Lilly" Chace. She was a remarkable young woman from Providence, Rhode Island who I had the pleasure of knowing over the whole of her life. She died on October 12th of this year at the tender age of 28 and was buried today. I pause not only to remember her life, but out of love and respect for her parents, Buff and Johnnie Chace.

I also rise because it's in these moments that we think about life and how we might live it more abundantly. How we might make each of our lives count. How we might be a blessing to others and make the most of our time here on earth. I think that the short life that Lilly lived offers insights into each of those areas and, for that reason, believe that a moment of reflection is worthwhile.

She did two things I want to do more of in my life.

One, she did not idly watch it pass by. She lived it. She seized it. I remember years ago, upon the death of Malcolm Forbes, the front page read that "while alive, he lived." I think that this would be a pretty good description of the way that Lilly seized life and the way that I'm inspired to do the same with an example like hers. In fact, Eleanor Roosevelt said "the purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."

Indeed, Lilly walked across the glaciers of Patagonia, rode camels through the Moroccan deserts, and ventured into the Alaskan wilderness. I had not seen her much since she was a child, but by all accounts, she had more than an adventurer's spirit and the merit badges to go with it. It has made me think about how I might add in living more richly the years I have before me.

Two, she was all heart. I have on more than a few occasions tied myself in knots over-analyzing some situation before me; but again by all accounts, this was not her nature. She listened to that voice that we all have inside and ran with it. I think the old saying is "people don't care about how much you know, until they know about how much you care." As humans, we ultimately respond to the heart in each other much more than the technicalities of debate talking points. In thinking about her death, I have considered more than a few times about how I might live with a bit more heart and passion the task that's now before me in this chamber. And I think this idea would be worth a bit of focus and collective soul-searching, given the enormity of the issues that face this body.

I point these things out not only because I believe they're worth our shared examination and thought but because I wish so much I could be with the Chace family today in Providence. That's not possible due to this vote we're taking on the budget, but I rise to honor Buff and Johnnie and to say farewell and God-speed to their daughter Lilly.

IN HONOR OF DENNY ZANE'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a true visionary leader and my dear friend, Denny Zane, on the momentous occasion of his 70th birthday. Over his career which spans more than four decades, Denny has been a tremendously effective and tireless advocate for the critical investments necessary to meet our region's infrastructure and transportation needs that indispensably keep our communities and its residents moving and thriving.

Denny has been a true public servant with an unwavering commitment to serving others. He has served as a city councilmember and well-regarded mayor of the City of Santa Monica, as the director of the Coalition for Clean Air, as a local teacher, and perhaps his most profound impact has been made as the founder and executive director of Move LA.

In conjunction with his 70th birthday, this year also marks the 10th anniversary of Move LA. The organization was founded to provide adequate funding sources to develop a clean, efficient, and robust transportation system for Los Angeles County. The formation and establishment of Move LA was no easy task, but Denny provided the right vision and leadership to coalesce a cohort of influential and adept stakeholders from the business, labor, environmental, and political leadership from throughout Los Angeles. There are very few individuals in this world that could bring this movement together, but Denny did and did so successfully.

Most recently, with extraordinary foresight and initiative, Denny led the campaign and was instrumental in the passage of Measure M, which will generate billions of dollars and one day erect the world's most modern transportation system for Los Angeles. This "smart growth" will enhance the city's global competitiveness, significantly increase the region's economy, and improve air quality and traffic congestion as well as promote environmental sustainability.

Additionally, through Denny's unwavering passion and the powerful advocacy of his organization, Los Angeles' voters passed local measures that will raise \$350 million per year to fund essential services and resources and housing opportunities for the county's most vulnerable and homeless populations.

Denny's notable leadership and unfailing hard work has strengthened our community as a whole, and for that we owe him our ardent gratitude.

For these reasons, it is with great enthusiasm that I offer Denny my heartfelt appreciation for his many years of remarkable service. I would also like to express my most sincere congratulations on the occasion of his 70th birthday. I am so happy to join his family, friends, and colleagues in celebrating this milestone with him. I wish him many more happy years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMILY BUCKMAN'S SERVICE TO KENTUCKY'S SECOND DISTRICT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my sincere thanks to Emily Buckman, who will be moving on from my office at the end of this week to serve at the United States Department of Agriculture. What is a loss for my office is a major gain for the administration, and I wish her all the best.

Emily grew up in Marion County, Kentucky, where her parents still operate their family's farm. Emily began her Washington, D.C., career during a summer internship with my predecessor. She came back to D.C. after graduating from Campbellsville University to intern for my office. She came on as staff in 2010 and has been promoted several times. Emily has been dedicated to the Second District of Kentucky ever since then, and her commitment to serving her fellow Kentuckians will be missed.

IN HONOR OF LORRAINE MERRILL, COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lorraine Merrill as she retires after a decade of service as Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture. The people of the Granite

State owe a tremendous debt to Commissioner Merrill. She has been an excellent steward of the Agriculture Department, guiding our state through the economic recession of 2008 and a devastating drought in 2016—two of the greatest challenges our agriculture community has faced. She has been a tireless supporter and advocate for farmers, producers, and foresters in New Hampshire. From dairy and produce to ornamental horticulture and maple syrup, ours is an incredibly diverse state for agriculture and she has represented everyone so well.

Lorraine's service as commissioner was only the latest in a remarkable career of service both to agriculture and her community. She has been a teacher, author, founding member of the New Hampshire Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture, director of the New England Dairy and Food Council, and chair of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency State Committee. She continues to own and run a dairy farm with her family in Stratham, New Hampshire, where they have been honored by the American Farmland Trust for their leadership in conservation and environmental management best practices.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Lorraine for her many years of dedicated service to the Granite State. Her achievements will continue to benefit our state and agricultural industry. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Lorraine on her retirement and wish her the best of luck in the years ahead.

HONORING VALLEY SCREEN ON RECEIVING THE INDIANA GOVERNOR'S HALF-CENTURY BUSINESS AWARD

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Valley Screen of Mishawaka on receiving the Indiana Governor's Half-Century Business Award.

The Half-Century Business Award is a special recognition of a local company's service to its employees, our community, and the State of Indiana. Fifty years of growth and success is an incredible accomplishment, and I applaud the entire Valley Screen team for staying at the cutting edge of innovation in a highly competitive world.

Valley Screen employs more than 60 people in our community and provides quality services to some of northern Indiana's key industries. This local business is an exceptional example of the high-quality customer service, business ingenuity, and potential for growth that American entrepreneurs and workers strive to achieve. I am grateful for the good jobs Valley Screen continues to provide the hardworking Hoosiers in our community.

I also want to thank Karen Barnett, Valley Screen's president and CEO, for her exceptional leadership and for providing so much of the vision, perseverance, and innovation that has contributed to the success of this business in Indiana and beyond. For the past 20 years, she has played a crucial role in building our state's positive business climate. I am confident that with leaders like Karen, Indiana's economy can continue to flourish.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Indiana's 2nd District, I want to thank Valley Screen and all its hardworking employees, past and present, for their commitment to innovation and service to the Hoosier community for 50 years. Congratulations to Valley Screen on a half-century of excellence. I am excited to see what the future holds for you and your customers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, I missed Roll Call votes 582 through 584 on the Rule providing for Consideration of the Senate Amendment to H. Con. Res. 71—Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027. Had I been present for these votes, I would have voted: Nay on Roll Call vote 582 on the motion on ordering the previous question on the rule; Nay on Roll Call vote 583 on agreeing to H. Res. 580; and Yea on Roll Call vote 584 on the journal vote.

IN HONOR OF DANIEL CURRY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Daniel T. Curry, a constituent of mine who tragically passed away on September 6, 2017. Daniel was born in Green County in my district and later moved to my hometown of Bowling Green, where he was the director of the Kentucky Legal Aid Benefits Counseling Program.

Daniel was a friend to everyone. As director of the Benefits Counseling Program, he helped countless Kentuckians receive their federal and state benefits. He worked with my office on several occasions, assisting with many casework inquiries that my office received. There was no constituent he would not try to help. In addition to his work at the Kentucky Legal Aid Benefits Counseling Program, he served as an adjunct professor at Western Kentucky University, served as a docent for Riverview at Hobson Grove, presented at the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association, was an advocate for elder abuse prevention, and participated in community theater.

Daniel touched many lives in Bowling Green and the surrounding counties. I send my prayers to Daniel's family and community during this time.

HIZBALLAH INTERNATIONAL FINANCING PREVENTION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 3329, the Hizballah Inter-

national Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2017. This is an important piece of legislation strengthening economic and financial sanctions on Hizballah and its enablers, and I am pleased to support it.

Hizballah is an organization based in Lebanon that plays a major role in regional tensions in the Middle East. Based on existing intelligence, it is believed that Hizballah is simply being used as a proxy by foreign governments to fight against Israel and other western influences in the area. In order to prevent the situation from escalating, the first step is to prevent the group from being able to fund further military actions. H.R. 3329 would direct the President to apply sanctions that would freeze Hizballah's assets, prevent fundraising, and prevent financial institutions from working with the group. Furthermore, this legislation would extend financial sanctions to any foreign entity that provides funding to the group. The bill would also authorize the proper congressional committees to create reports on Hizballah's racketeering and international narcotics trafficking.

This legislation requires the President to report valuable information to Congress regarding the relationships among Iran, other foreign countries, and the Hizballah organization. Opening up this line of communication will help Congress better decide how to apply future sanctions against these state sponsors of terrorism.

With as many military bases as Georgia accommodates, I understand how conflict affects not only our nation, but also the young men and women who will be thrust into a needless international conflict. It is important that we take the necessary steps to prevent an escalation to prevent losing American lives in any conflict, which is why I support H.R. 3329.

HONORING MR. DAVID HARDT

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy Fire Chief David Hardt upon his retirement from the Watertown Fire Department in Watertown, Connecticut after 32 years of service. Deputy Chief Hardt has been an instrumental leader in our state's firefighting community, and his legacy will contribute to the work of future generations of firefighters.

Deputy Chief Hardt first volunteered for the department in 1985, and in 1997, he became the Deputy Chief. Throughout his long tenure, his leadership skills and experience have been tremendous assets to the town. Deputy Chief Hardt has been willing to take on additional duties when necessary and to step up to oversee the department's work in the Chief's absence.

The Watertown Fire Department and surrounding communities have benefitted greatly from Deputy Chief Hardt's work over the past decades. His work was critical to the opening of the Cheshire Fire School to train future generations of firefighters. Never one to shy away from helping out his neighbors, Deputy Chief Hardt also served as a dispatcher for Naugatuck firefighters and as a fire marshal in Bethlehem and Morris. His dedication to helping others is an inspiration to all of us and